IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

S/S Sulphur Spring Road, 85' E

of the c/l of Link Avenue

(1325 Sulphur Spring Road)

13th Election District 1st Councilmanic District

Charles Soos Petitioner * BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 95-285-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for that property known as 1325 Sulphur Spring Road, located in the vicinity of Arbutus in southwestern Baltimore County. The Petition was filed by the owner of the property, Charles Soos. The Petitioner seeks relief from Section 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit two sheds to be located in the side yards in lieu of the required rear yard. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Charles Soos, property owner, and Norman H. Katz, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner. Appearing as Protestants in the matter were Rose Jaeger, adjoining property owner, and her attorney, James A. Gede, Esquire.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of .126 acres, more or less, zoned R.O. and is improved with a two-story dwelling, detached garage, a concrete paved parking area to the rear of the site, and two sheds which are the subject of this Petition. The rear of the property lies adjacent to an alley which provides access to the parking area and garage. The Petitioner was advised to file the instant Petition by the Zoning Administration and Development Management

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(ZADM) office in response to a complaint received from the adjoining property owner as to the location of the shed in the side yard adjacent to her property. Mr. Soos testified that he is self-employed as a home improvement/painting contractor and that he has resided on the subject property and operated his business therefrom since he acquired same in 1990. He testified that he built the two sheds to provide storage space for tools and equipment used in his business as well as for personal use and denied storing paints, thinners, or other flammable materials therein. Moreover, he acknowledged that he did not obtain a building permit to construct either shed.

Further testimony revealed that years prior to Mr. Soos' ownership of the property, an addition had been added along a portion of the rear of the dwelling, which resulted in a notched L-shape to the rear building line. Under the B.C.Z.R., the rear yard area would be defined as that area between the rear property line and the plane created by the rear wall of the house closest to the property line. In any event, the Petitioner constructed one shed within this L-shaped notch area created by the addition in approximately 1991. The second shed was added in 1994 and is located adjacent to the dwelling in the side yard nearest the front building line of the dwelling. This shed is located closest to Mrs. Jaeger's home at 1323 Sulphur spring Road.

As a basis for the variance, the Petitioner argues that the additional storage space provided by the sheds is needed in connection with both his residence and his business. Mr. Soos testified that he uses the garage and the two sheds for storage purposes. Moreover, he noted that parking in the area is extremely limited and that there is metered parking on Sulphur Spring Road. Thus, the Petitioner, who owns three vehicles,

uses the entire rear yard for parking and thus, there is no space available for placement of a shed.

Mrs. Rose Jaeger appeared and testified in opposition to the request. Mrs. Jaeger testified that she has owned the adjoining property at 1323 Sulphur Spring Road for 19 and 1/2 years. Testimony revealed that Mrs. Jaeger currently resides in Reisterstown but leases her property at 1323 Sulphur Spring Road to tenants. Mrs. Jaeger testified that she is particularly opposed to the shed located in the side yard adjacent to her property. Mrs. Jaeger argued that the shed blocks the view from the front porch of that dwelling and noted that there is an extremely narrow distance between the front corner of her building and the property line. Mrs. Jaeger measured the distance and opined that the subject shed is only slightly more than 6 feet from the corner of her building. Mrs. Jaeger also voiced concern over the fact that Mr. Soos may store flammable or combustible materials within the shed as part of his business. This concerns her in that the shed is located extremely close to her building and could constitute a fire hazard.

All Petitions for Variance from strict application of the B.C.Z.R. are governed by Section 307 thereof. Therein, a three-part test is offered which the Petitioner must satisfy in order for variance relief to be approved. First, the Petitioner must establish that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested were denied. Secondly, it must be shown that no adverse effect will result on the surrounding locale if the relief is granted. Third, relief may be afforded only if same is consistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

The concept of practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship has been comprehensively addressed by the Courts of this State. See, e.g., McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) and Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974). Moreover, the Court of Special Appeals has recently issued a decision addressing the variance process in Baltimore County. See Cromwell v. Ward (No. 617) September Term, 1994.

These cases establish that matters relating to the convenience of the property owner do not establish practical difficulty. It must be shown that the property possesses unique characteristics which justify the relief requested.

In the instant case, I am not persuaded that the Petitioner has satisfied his burden as it relates to the shed immediately adjacent to the Jaeger property. Moreover, I believe that the fears expressed by Mrs. Jaeger as to the potential storage of combustible or flammable materials are well-founded. The Petitioner is in the business of home improvements, including as a painting contractor, and may very well at some time store dangerous materials within the shed. Quite frankly, the shed is located too close to the neighboring house and property line. Moreover, the neighbors should not be required to monitor the situation and may, in fact, not be able to, assuming that the shed is kept locked and not immediately available for inspection. For these reasons, I believe that the Petition for Variance to permit this particular shed to remain in its present location must and should be denied.

As to the other shed, however, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has satisfied his burden. That shed fits in nicely with the existing layout of the house and parking arrangements. Clearly, it does not detri-

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mentally affect neighboring properties, but for the addition, and would be entirely in the rear yard and appropriate under the regulations. Thus, the relief requested within the Petition for Variance shall be granted in part and denied in part, permitting the Petitioner to retain the shed to the rear of his dwelling, while requiring removal of the other shed from its present location in the side yard.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested shall be granted in part and denied in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 23 May of March, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit one shed to be located in the rear yard, adjacent to the dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the shed located in the side yard closest to the front building line of the dwelling on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner shall have ninety (90) days from the date of this Order in which to remove said shed.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

March 23, 1995

Norman H. Katz, Esquire 3420 Lynne Haven Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21244

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Charles Soos - Petitioner

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Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been denied in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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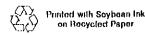
1325 Sulphur Spring Road, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Mrs. Rose Jaeger

3419 Buttonwood Court, Reisterstown, Md. 21136

People's Counsel

File



VIOLATION



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to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1325 Sulphur Spring Road

which is presently zoned

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Yariance from Section(s) 400.1; BC Zr., to permit front and sheds to be located in the side yards in lieu of the required rear.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Because there is meter parking immediately in front of my home, I am forced to park my vehicles in my back yard, thus eliminating my placing my shed (which houses all my garden equipment, etc.) in the rear of my home. The only place available for my shed is at the side of my home.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

		I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition
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January 19, 1995

Zoning Description 1325 Sulphur Spring Road

Beginning at a point on the south side of Sulphur Spring Road which is 30 feet wide at a distance of 85 feet, more or less, east of the center line of Link Avenue which is 50 feet wide. Being Lot No. 104 in the subdivision of "Plat 2 of North Halethorpe" as recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book W.P.C. No. 7 folio 140 containing 5506 square feet or 0.126 Acres of land, more or less.



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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 or Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Case: #95-285-A
(Item 280)
1325 Sulphur Spring Road,
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13th Election District
1st Councilmanic
Legal Owner(s):
Charles Soos
Hearing: Monday,
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p.m. in Rm. 118, Old
Courthouse.

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1)Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Call 867-3353.

(2)For Information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Please Call 887-3391 2/286 February 23.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on ____ 2__ 2__ 3__, 1915.

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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the 1) time of filing.
- Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR

(Revised 04/09/93)

For newspaper advertising:
Item No.: 280
Petitioner: Charles Soos
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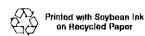
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Norman H. Katz, Esq.

Rose Jaeger

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

March 8, 1995

Norman H. Katz 3420 Lynne Haven Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21244

RE: Item No.: 280

Case No.: 95-285-A

Petitioner: Charles Soos

Dear Mr. Katz:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on February 8, 1995.

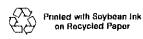
Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw
Attachment(s)



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: February 27, 1995

Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT:

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

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The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. (280,) 281, 287, and 288

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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Division Chief:

PK/JL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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ZADM

DATE: 3-1-95

FROM:

DEPRM

Development Coordination

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Agenda: 2-21-95

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has (no) comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: February 27, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM MRobert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Section

RE:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for February 27, 1996 Items 275, 276, 278, 280 and 282.

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have no comments.

RWB: 6W

Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 02/16/95

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Extimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF FEB.21, 1995.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

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Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time,
IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 265, 275, 276, 277,
278, 279, 280 AND 282.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

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O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Joyce Watson Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

2-21-95

Baltimore County
Item No.: \$ 280 (JCM)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Division

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse

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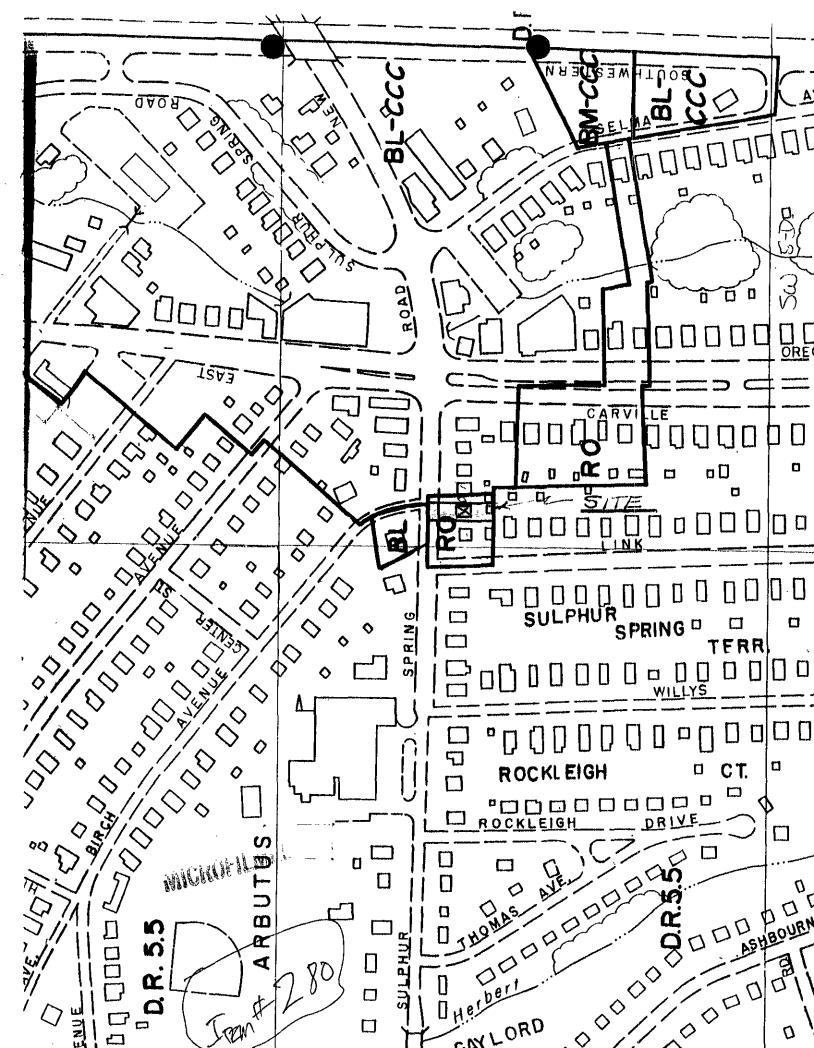
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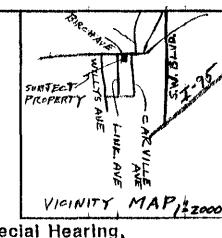
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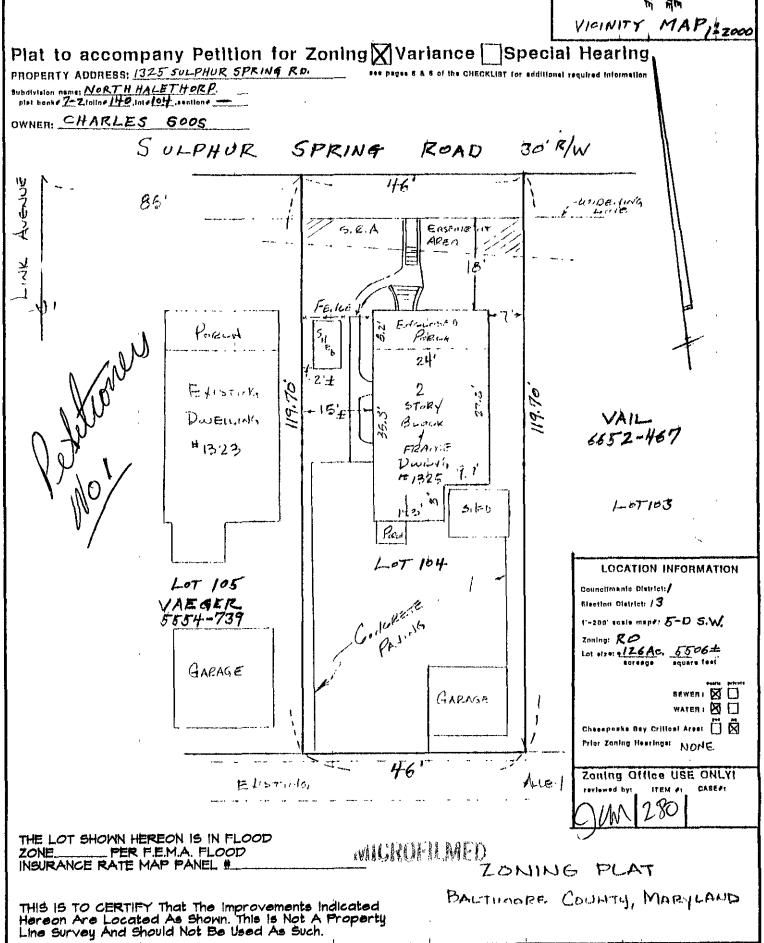
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PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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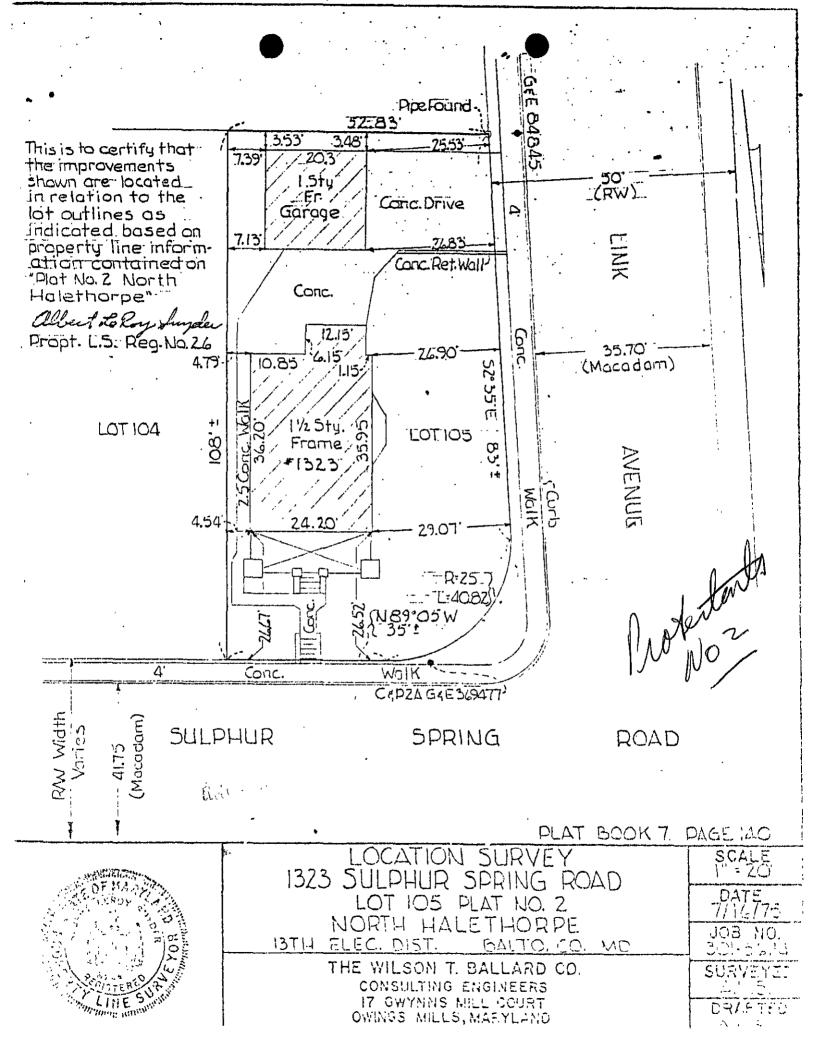
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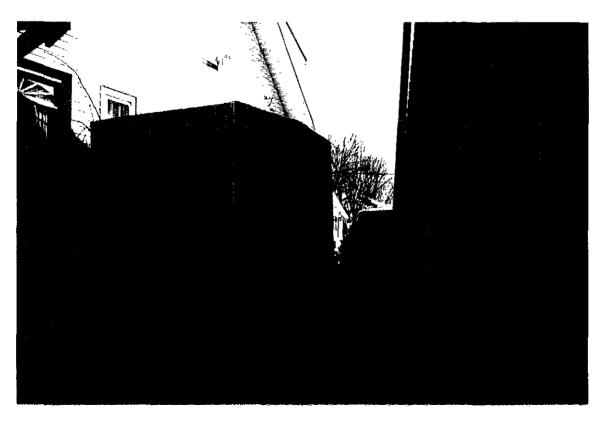
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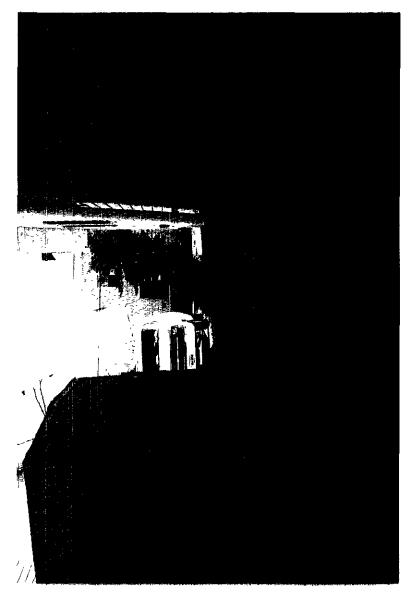
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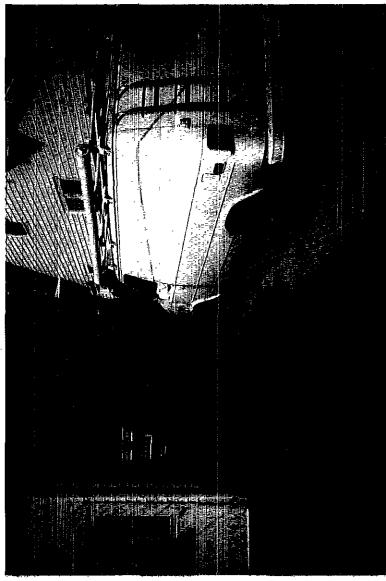


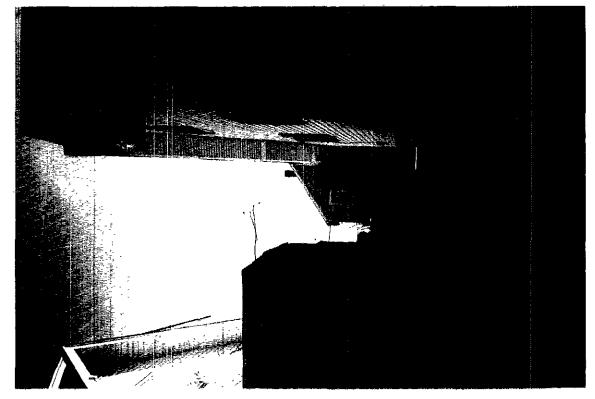
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Further testimony revealed that years prior to Mr. Soos' ownership of the property, an addition had been added along a portion of the rear of the dwelling, which resulted in a notched L-shape to the rear building line. Under the B.C.Z.R., the rear yard area would be defined as that area between the rear property line and the plane created by the rear wall of the house closest to the property line. In any event, the Petitioner constructed one shed within this L-shaped notch area created by the addition in approximately 1991. The second shed was added in 1994 and is located adjacent to the dwelling in the side yard nearest the front building line of the dwelling. This shed is located closest to Mrs. Jaeger's home at 1323 Sulphur spring Road.

As a basis for the variance, the Petitioner argues that the additional storage space provided by the sheds is needed in connection with both his residence and his business. Mr. Soos testified that he uses the garage and the two sheds for storage purposes. Moreover, he noted that parking in the area is extremely limited and that there is metered parking on Sulphur Spring Road. Thus, the Petitioner, who owns three vehicles,

uses the entire rear yard for parking and thus, there is no space available for placement of a shed.

Mrs. Rose Jaeger appeared and testified in opposition to the request. Mrs. Jaeger testified that she has owned the adjoining property at 1323 Sulphur Spring Road for 19 and 1/2 years. Testimony revealed that Mrs. Jaeger currently resides in Reisterstown but leases her property at 1323 Sulphur Spring Road to tenants. Mrs. Jaeger testified that she is particularly opposed to the shed located in the side yard adjacent to her property. Mrs. Jaeger argued that the shed blocks the view from the front porch of that dwelling and noted that there is an extremely narrow distance between the front corner of her building and the property line. Mrs. Jaeger measured the distance and opined that the subject shed is only slightly more than 6 feet from the corner of her building. Mrs. Jaeger also voiced concern over the fact that Mr. Soos may store flammable or combustible materials within the shed as part of his business. This concerns her in that the shed is located extremely close to her building and could constitute a fire hazard.

All Petitions for Variance from strict application of the B.C.Z.R. are governed by Section 307 thereof. Therein, a three-part test is offered which the Petitioner must satisfy in order for variance relief to be approved. First, the Petitioner must establish that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested were denied. Secondly, it must be shown that no adverse effect will result on the surrounding locale if the relief is granted. Third, relief may be afforded only if same is consistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

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The concept of practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship has been comprehensively addressed by the Courts of this State. See, e.g., McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) and Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974). Moreover, the Court of Special Appeals has recently issued a decision addressing the variance process in Baltimore County. See Cromwell v. Ward (No. 617) September Term, 1994.

These cases establish that matters relating to the convenience of the property owner do not establish practical difficulty. It must be shown that the property possesses unique characteristics which justify the relief requested.

In the instant case, I am not persuaded that the Petitioner has satisfied his burden as it relates to the shed immediately adjacent to the Jaeger property. Moreover, I believe that the fears expressed by Mrs. Jaeger as to the potential storage of combustible or flammable materials are well-founded. The Petitioner is in the business of home improvements, including as a painting contractor, and may very well at some time store dangerous materials within the shed. Quite frankly, the shed is located too close to the neighboring house and property line. Moreover, the neighbors should not be required to monitor the situation and may, in fact, not be able to, assuming that the shed is kept locked and not immediately available for inspection. For these reasons, I believe that the Petition for Variance to permit this particular shed to remain in its present location must and should be denied.

As to the other shed, however, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has satisfied his burden. That shed fits in nicely with the existing layout of the house and parking arrangements. Clearly, it does not detri-

mentally affect neighboring properties, but for the addition, and would be entirely in the rear yard and appropriate under the regulations. Thus, the relief requested within the Petition for Variance shall be granted in part and denied in part, permitting the Petitioner to retain the shed to the rear of his dwelling, while requiring removal of the other shed from its present location in the side yard.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested shall be granted in part and denied in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 23 May of March, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit one shed to be located in the rear yard, adjacent to the dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the shed located in the side yard closest to the front building line of the dwelling on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner shall have ninety (90) days from the date of this Order in which to remove said shed.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

March 23, 1995

(410) 887-4386

Norman H. Katz, Esquire 3420 Lynne Haven Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21244

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE S/S Sulphur Spring Road, 85' E of the c/l of Link Avenue (1325 Sulphur Spring Road) 13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic District Charles Soos - Petitioner Case No. 95-285-A

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been denied in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Charles Soos 1325 Sulphur Spring Road, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Mrs. Rose Jaeger 3419 Buttonwood Court, Reisterstown, Md. 21136 People's Counsel

Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1325 Sulphur Spring Road which is presently zmed RO This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Yariance from Section(s) 400.1; BC Zr., to permit

Two sheds to be located in the/side yards in lieu of the required rear.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Because there is meter parking immediately in front of my home, I am forced to park my vehicles in my back yard, thus eliminating my placing my shed (which houses all my garden equipment, etc.) in the rear of my home. The only place available for my shed is at the side of my home.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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January 19, 1995

Zoning Description 1325 Sulphur Spring Road

Beginning at a point on the south side of Sulphur Spring Road which is 30 feet wide at a distance of 85 feet, more or less, east of the center line of Link Avenue which is 50 feet wide. Being Lot No. 104 in the subdivision of "Plat 2 of North Halethorpe" as recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book W.P.C. No. 7 folio 140 containing 5506 square feet or 0.126 Acres of land, more or less.

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

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FEBRUARY 16. 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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Variance to permit two sheds to be located in the side yards in lieu of the required rear.

Norman H. Katz, Esq. Rose Jaeger

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHRSADEARE AVENUE ON THE HERRING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMPONATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

<u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising: Petitioner: Charles Scos

Location: 1325 Sulpher Spring to. BALTO. N. 21227 PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

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March 8, 1995

Norman H. Katz 3420 Lynne Haven Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Zoning Administration & Development Management

111 Vest Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 280 Case No.: 95-285-A Petitioner: Charles Soos

Dear Mr. Katz:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on February 8, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

WCR/jw Attachment(s)

BALTINORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: February 27, 1995

FROM: Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: 3-1-95

Development Coordination

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Agenda: 2-21-95

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s: 245

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BALTIMORE COUNTY. MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: February 27, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Section

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for February 27, 1996 Items 275, 276, 278, 280 and 282.

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have no comments.

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Baitimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 02/16/95

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RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

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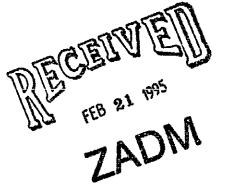
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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

Zoning Agenda:

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 265, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280 AND 282.



REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, FHONE 887-4881, MS-1108F

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Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

2-21-95 Re: Baltimore County Item No.: \$ 280 (JCM)

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Ms. Watson:

Room 109

Ms. Joyce Watson

Zoning Administration and

Development Management County Office Building

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Engineering Access Permits

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Peter Max Zinneimer People's Counsel for Baltimore County Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this $\frac{25}{20}$ day of February, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Norman H. Katz, Esquire, 3420 Lynne Haven Drive, Baltimore, MD 21244, Petitioners.

Peter May Zimerman

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